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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

OFFICE OF CENTRAL REFERENCE

13 September 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

THROUGH: Deputy Director/Intelligence *AS*

SUBJECT: Industrial Register

- REFERENCES:
- a. IG memo to AD/CR of 8 Aug 63, subj: Industrial Register - Morale and Command
  - b. IG memo to AD/CR of 27 Aug 63, subj: Industrial Register of OCR

1. Thank you for your memoranda covering your findings on IR resulting from the over-all periodic inspection of OCR by your staff.

2. This is to report to you that the DD/I on 9 September approved my plan for abolishing IR as a response to his request for a reduction in the OCR T/O of  slots.

3. My recommendation was based upon the following considerations:

- (a) A cut of this magnitude should not be prorated among the various OCR components because it would result in marginal performance by all. Moreover, the prospects are for further reductions rather than the contrary.
- (b) There exist no NSC or DCI directives requiring that IR service be maintained. Agency Regulations call on OCR for "such specialized registers of biographic, industrial, and graphic intelligence data as may be required in support of intelligence production " Continuation of IR was therefore a matter which CIA could itself decide.

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(c) The material in IR, is, in one form or another, available in other repositories, albeit not so well organized and not so well controlled (Intellofax, SAC, ACIC, DIA, AMS, ORR, NPIC).

(d) A check with major customers to whom we have a direct responsibility indicated less current and prospective need for the kind of service now performed by IR than has been the case in the past and a rising need for a new selective all-source service.

(e) A cut back of ☐ slots from the IR T/O of ☐ leaves ☐ slots for a successor Foreign Installations Branch, which, as part of the Special Register, would permit OCR to provide the new service desired and to continue to provide some services to past customers.

4. With the abolition of IR, the problem referred to in reference a ceases to exist, the problem now being that of finding suitable employment for those IR employees not selected to staff the successor activity. OCR, in conjunction with O/DDI and Personnel, are pursuing solutions vigorously.

5. As to the points raised in reference b, only time will tell whether the newly organized group can meet the goals we are establishing for it. If we fail it will be for shortage of people to do the job - not for failure to assign those most equal to the task.

PAUL A. BOREL  
Assistant Director  
Central Reference

Attachment:

AD/CR Staff Study on IR  
dated 3 Sept 63

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Hope this won't affect the survey as written!!!

*FMC*

*Vince L. [scribble]*

*Bob B.*

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